Memorandum



Supplement to

Agenda Item No. 7(B)

Substitute

Date:

March 23, 2006

To:

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From:

George M. Burgess

County Manager

Subject:

Ordinance Amending Chapters 8B and 8CC of the Code of Miami-Dade County

Requiring Emergency Response Plan from Gas Stations Located in the Incorporated

and Unincorporated Areas for the Provision of Fuel during a Local State of

Emergency

The proposed ordinance amending Chapters 8B and 8CC of the Code of Miami-Dade County requiring emergency response plan from gas stations located in the incorporated and unincorporated areas for the provision of fuel during a local state of emergency may have a fiscal impact to Miami-Dade County. Gas stations would be required to create and implement a plan that provides for uninterrupted operation of all fuel pumps within 24 hours following the declaration of a local state of emergency not later than June 1, 2006.

In order to implement this program, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) and Office of Emergency Management may require additional resources to receive, review, and inspect all Emergency Response Plans submitted from gas stations. In addition, as part of the approval process, inspection of gas stations would be required periodically to make sure that plans submitted are adequate and maintained throughout the five-year year plan period as outlined in the ordinance. Also, funding will have to be identified to assist qualified applicants in defraying the costs of implementing the ordinance requirements.

The number of businesses that will be impacted and consequently reviewed, monitored, and funded is difficult to estimate at this time. If the ordinance is adopted, MDFR will work with the County Manager's Office and the Office of Strategic Business Management to assess the need for additional resources.

Assistant County Manager

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